

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In the restriction requirement dated September 9, 2008, the Examiner delineated the following inventions as being patentably distinct.

- Group I: Claims 1, 3, 5-7 and 20-22, drawn to a multilayer structure polymer;
- Group II: Claims 2 and 4, drawn to a polymer blend;
- Group III: Claims 8 and 23, drawn to a decorative laminate;
- Group IV: Claims 9, 13, 16-18, 24, 27, 28, 30, 32 and 33, drawn to a laminate comprising film of polymer of claim 1 bonded to another base layer (non-fluororesin);
- Group V, Claims 19 and 25, drawn to a laminate comprising film of polymer of Claim 1 bonded to a fluororesin;
- Group VI, Claims 11 and 26, drawn to a photocurable acrylic resin film; and
- Group VII, Claims 29 and 31, drawn to a method of making injection molded laminated article.

In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicants elect without traverse Group I (Claims 1, 3, 5, 7, and 20-22) drawn to a multilayer structure polymer.

Further, Applicants reserve the right to file divisional applications on the non-elected subject matter, if so desired, and he accorded the benefit of the filing date of the parent application.

Divisional applications filed thereafter should not be subject to double-patenting ground of rejection, 35 U.S.C. § 121, *In re Joyce* (Comr. Pats. 1957) 115 USPA 412.

Restriction is only proper if the claims of restricted groups are independent or patentably distinct and there would be a serious burden placed on the Examiner if restriction is not required (M.P.E.P. § 803).

Applicants make no statement regarding the patentable distinction of the Groups but note that for the restriction to be proper there must be patentable differences.

Applicants submit that the above-identified application is now in condition for examination on the merits and an early notice of such action is earnestly solicited.

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